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Professor P. A. Munz,
Pomona College,
Claremont, California.

Dear Mr. Munz:-

We were so pleased to hear of your success in securing the Jones Herbarium that I am writing President Blaisdell a note of congratulation. Perhaps my greatest immediate cause for rejoicing is that this will keep you in California for another year and we shall therefore hope to see you along the Sierran transect. I had expected to stop off at Salt Lake City in June to look up some Haplopappus specimens in the Jones Herbarium but I suppose that there will now be no necessity for that. Do you contemplate that the material will be available for consultation at Pomona within a year or so? If not, would it be well for me to stop at Salt Lake this June, or will the collection be in process of moving by that time?

Mr. Parish tells me of your interest in steel cases and since I am "dippy" on this subject he has suggested that I write to you direct. The University cases are patterned after those developed at the Gray Herbarium in consultation with the Art Metal Construction Company. Our cases are the same dimensions, thickness of steel, etc., as those at the Gray Herbarium but with a few minor improvements. For the first cases I had a complete set of specifications and blue prints, but the Department is not now able to locate them. Perhaps this does not matter, since all but that first set have been ordered simply by specifying that the new cases were to match the original ones (with certain small changes) and with attention called

to particular features. I think that you can use this same method, since the firm that gets your order will doubtless have a representative in San Francisco who can examine the cases here. If such representative will make himself known to me I shall be glad to explain details to him. If you use this method it is important that the cases match the ones indicated on the enclosed slip, since both the earlier and some of the later ones have not been quite so satisfactory. For example the first set had a turn-down front edge to each shelf, to carry a label holder. We find that label holders are not necessary and that if indexing is desirable in addition to what the genus covers carry it can be done by inserting a sheet of cardboard with a turned-down edge. This saves considerable space and prevents the Herbarium sheets from getting jambed back of the turned-down edge. The enclosed memorandum has been prepared from one which I used in 1915, with certain necessary changes. I trust that it will be useful, at least in suggesting some of the points which you will need to give particular attention. I should suggest that in talking with bidders you make it clear that a deviation in any detail will necessitate the rejection of the cases, for every once in a while they try to slip over some changes which they think will improve the cases or will reduce the cost, since they do not appreciate the uses to which they are put. The Art Metal Construction Company is the most satisfactory to deal with, although some of our cases have been supplied by the Van Dorn Iron Works and some by (H.G.?) West & Co. (only agents?), and I think some by the Library Bureau. Doubtless all of these firms have offices in Los Angeles. The Van Dorn cases were the least satisfactory.

In 1915 we bought a set of four cases, covered by two doors each, as indicated on enclosed sheet, for $620. This year the Department bought two cases at a cost of $590. If you make a large purchase at one time there should be a very liberal discount from

this retail price.

Trusting that you will inform me if I can be of further assistance in this connection, I am

Very sincerely yours,

H M Hall